Study conducted by the Asian Development Bank

3525. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the Manila-based Asian Development Bank's study titled 'Health Population and Development in Asia and the Pecific' ;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof particularly the need for both Government and privete sector participation in improving health conditions and slowing population growth to promote more equitable economic developmen t; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) No report of study conducted by the Asian Development Bank entitled 'Health Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific has been received by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

ntroduction of Edepryl Drugs

3526. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Times of India". Bombay dated 21st December 1991 about a new drug called Edepryl being introduced in Indian market ;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the said medicine may be a boon to those suffering from the Parkinson's disease ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to ensure that the drug is made available to patients at a cheaper rate by exempting it from excise duty etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Drug 'Edepryl' a brand of Selegeline has been approved by the Drugs Controller (India) and is already available in the market.

Exemption from customs duty for the above drug has already been recommended to the Ministry of Finance. Regarding exemption from Excise Duty the same is directly considered by the Ministry of Finance.

Delagation of powers to Director CCRAS

3527. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi has been representing to the Government for delegation of power for sanction of G.P.F. advances to the Bhubaneshwar unit of CCRAS.

(b) if so, what decison has been taken in this regard ;and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.